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THE VEGETABLE SITUATION

Summary

Vegetable supplies for the late winter and early spring market are expected to continue generally short until the first of April. Prospects for production were reduced considerably by the late January cold wave in the Southern States. The freezing weather destroyed a large acreage of tender vegetables and lowered prospective yields from the remaining acreage. The flow of many fresh vegetables to market has been sharply curtailed, and market prices have advanced to unusually high levels.

Because of the freeze damage the winter crop of Florida snap beans was reduced 60 percent; Texas beets, 39 percent; early cabbage, 9 percent; early celery, 9 percent; and early spinach, 11 percent from the indicated production of a month earlier. Florida winter pepper and tomato crops were practically wiped out. The pepper crop is indicated to total only 40,000 bushels compared with 1,000,000 bushels produced in 1939. Only about 900 acres of the original 18,000 acres of Florida winter tomatoes remain, including replantings after the freeze. Practically all of the Texas spring tomato acreage that had already been transplanted was lost, but most of this acreage has been replanted.

By mid-February temperatures throughout the South were more seasonable and spring vegetable crops were being planted actively. Most of the hardy vegetables were showing remarkable recovery from the freeze damage. Too much rain has interfered with spring work in Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi, and the Pacific Coast States.

Marketings of old stock potatoes continued at about a normal rate during February, and market prices showed little change from a month earlier. Supplies of new crop potatoes, however, were reduced by the freeze, and prices have advanced in recent weeks. The prospective south Florida crop was reduced 50 percent from earlier expectations and now totals only 672,000 bushels compared with 1,532,000 bushels produced in 1939.

POTATOES

Marketings of old stock potatoes continued at about a normal rate during recent weeks, with carlot shipments increasing seasonally. The number of cars shipped between January 1 and the week ending February 17 totaled 30,000, as compared with 28,000 cars shipped during the corresponding period last year. Shipments of new potatoes declined in recent weeks on account of the losses the crop sustained from the late January freeze in Florida. Early February reports indicate that the prospective south Florida crop was reduced from 1,344,000 to 672,000 bushels, and that the total winter crop may not exceed 802,000 bushels as compared with 1,461,000 indicated early in January and 1,690,000 bushels the harvest last season. This reduction in prospects probably will result in relatively small shipments of new stock until about the middle of April.

In north Florida estimates indicate that the freeze caused some damage to seed, probably 15 to 25 percent. In this area the plants are just coming up. Planting in South Carolina and Georgia is now well underway. Wet weather appears to be interfering with planting operations in Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi.

Market prices of potatoes have been very stable in recent weeks except that prices of new stock advanced sharply following the freeze in late January. During the week ended Feb. 24, Russet Burbanks averaged $2.25 per 100 pounds at New York City and $1.92 at Chicago, or about the same as a month earlier but slightly higher than a year earlier. Prices of Green Mountains at New York City averaged $2.00 per 100 pounds, the same as a month earlier but about 45 cents above a year earlier. Because of the relatively large supply of Red McClures this season in contrast to the short supply available in early 1939, prices of this variety at Chicago in recent weeks have been averaging about 24 cents per 100 pounds below those of a year earlier, or around $1.66 per 100 pounds. Prices of new stock at New York City rose from $3.42 per 100 pounds during the week ended January 20 to $4.02 the week ended February 17. A similar rise occurred at Chicago.

TRUCK CROPS

The late January freeze in Florida and Texas changed considerably the immediate market supply situation and prospect for truck crops. The freezing weather destroyed a large acreage, reduced yield prospects generally, and delayed plantings.

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The winter crop of snap beans was reduced from 3,060,000 to 1,190,000 bushels. Only a small acreage on the lower east coast of Florida escaped with slight damage. A small volume of shipments is now moving from this area. Seed planted just prior to the freeze is up to a poor stand and yields are expected to be light. Plantings of beans were heavy following the freeze, but marketings from this crop will not be available until the latter part of March. Prices at New York City have risen to $6.44 per bushel for green beans, and $4.88 for wax beans. Before the freeze they averaged about $2.00.

The Texas beet crop was cut about 31 percent by the freeze, and shipments in recent weeks have been comparatively light. Market prices have advanced to $1.95 per one-half crate from $1.24 a month earlier.

Early cabbage in Florida and Texas suffered only slight damage from the low temperatures. The crop, now estimated at 206,200 tons, is about 20,000 tons less than indicated in January and compares with 255,500 tons a year earlier. Shipments, particularly from Arizona and California, have been heavy in recent weeks. Early reports indicated severe freeze damage to new cabbage which, together with the small supply of old stock available, caused market prices to rise sharply in early February. The early crop showed remarkable recovery in mid-February, however, and market prices lost most of the recent advance. Florida stock averaged 98 cents per 1-1/2 bushel hamper at New York City during the week ended February 24, compared with $1.03 a month earlier and a year earlier. Prices of storage stock advanced from 57 cents per 50-pound sack to 98 cents, as compared with an average of only 30 cents a year earlier.

Small cabbage plants in some of the second early States were damaged somewhat by the late January freeze, but replanting has made rapid progress. The acreage in these States as a group is indicated to total 22,700 acres, or slightly more than the 22,200 acres harvested last season.

Celery: Prospective production in Florida was reduced about 17 percent by the freeze damage. Yields per acre were reduced on account of necessary stripping. The California-Florida crop is now indicated to total 2,744,000 crates, or only slightly less than the 2,772,000 crates produced a year earlier. Peak of Florida shipments is expected in March. Young

celery is recovering from the freeze, and transplanting of the late crop in Florida is about completed. Carlot shipments have been well maintained in recent weeks, and market prices of celery advanced only moderately. In February, however, Florida celery averaged substantially higher than a year earlier.

Cucumbers: Practically all cucumber plants in Florida were killed by the late January freeze, but much of the acreage has since been replanted. It is probable that spring plantings in south Florida will be larger than a year earlier but the marketing of the crop is not expected to begin until April. Most of the relatively small market supply in recent weeks has been coming from Cuba and Puerto Rico, and prices have risen to $4.50 per 1-1/2 bushel crates from $2.83 a month earlier.

Escarole and lettuce: Although yields of escarole were reduced by the freeze in Florida, additional late plantings have offset the loss, and the indicated production of 405,000 crates is about the same as the early December estimate and 75,000 crates larger than the crop produced a year ago. Prospective production of lettuce in Florida was reduced 40,000 crates - to 400,000 crates. The freeze damaged the outer leaves and resulted in heavy stripping. Most of the Big Boston variety has been shipped but a small supply of Iceberg remains in Florida. In North Carolina and South Carolina most of the lettuce that was transplanted prior to the freeze was lost or badly damaged, but transplantings from seedbeds have made rapid progress in recent weeks. Shipments of lettuce from the Western States have been active during most of February but the total volume moved from all sources has been about the same as a year earlier. Market prices advanced slightly during February, with those of the Big Boston variety averaging somewhat above a year earlier.

Green Peas: The early crop is indicated to total 1,375,000 bushels compared with 1,269,000 bushels produced in 1939 and the 10-year (1929-38) average of 739,000 bushels. Most of the increase this season occurred in Texas. In Florida about 75,000 bushels were not marketed because of low prices in early January. The cold wave terminated the harvest in Florida and Texas, but a small acreage of young peas is still available in Florida. These will be ready for market in March. Most of the present market supply is coming from California, whence shipments are now at a seasonal peak. Market prices advanced sharply in late January from the low levels of the early part of the month. In mid-February California peas averaged $2.92 per bushel at New York City, as compared with $1.82 in early January and $3.06 a year earlier.

Green peppers: Only a few cars of peppers have been available since late January. The crop in Florida was severely damaged by the freeze. The winter crop is estimated at only 40,000 bushels compared with 1,000,000 bushels a year earlier. In the Pompano area a considerable acreage of partly frosted plants remain but they are in poor condition. Also some replanting has been done, but the total spring acreage and production is likely to be reduced from earlier expectations. Imports from Cuba and Mexico in recent weeks also have been small although market prices have advanced sharply. Florida 1-1/2-bushel crates averaged $6.90 at New York City and $8.22 at Chicago during the week ended February 24.

Spinach: Because of a reduction in prospective yield per acre occasioned by the cold weather in Texas, the early crop is indicated to total 5,948,000 bushels. This is about 722,000 bushels less than was indicated in January and is about 1,056,000 bushels less than the 1939 early crop. Texas probably will be the principal source of market supplies until late March. The remaining old crop in Arkansas and Virginia was damaged severely by the cold wave. Carlot shipments from Texas in recent weeks have been maintained at about the same rate as a year earlier, but the reduction in the prospective supply resulted in a moderate advance in market prices. The average for the week ended February 17 at New York City was $1.56 per bushel compared with $1.12 a month earlier and 82 cents a year earlier.

Tomatoes: Practically all of the original 18,000 acres of winter tomatoes in south Florida was killed by the late January freeze, and few plants remained for replanting. In central Florida the drilled acreage will have to be reseeded. In Texas all transplanted acreage was destroyed but probably will be replanted. Hotbed plants were lost in Louisiana and Mississippi, and the spring crop probably will be delayed 2 to 3 weeks. Because of the unfavorable conditions, volume shipments from Florida are not expected before April and from Texas before May. Shipments in recent weeks have been very small, with most of the market supply coming from Cuba and Mexico. Market prices have advanced sharply since mid-January, - from $2.00 per lug to $5.75 per lug.

Truck crops: Commercial acreage and production for market, average 1929-38, annual 1939, and indicated 1940

Commodity and group	Acreage			Unit	Production		
	10-year average 1929-38	1939	Indicated 1940		10-year average 1929-38	1939	Indicated 1940
	Acres	Acres	Acres	1,000			
Artichokes (Calif.)	8,350	10,200	10,550	boxes	875	1,122	---
Beans, snap				1,000			
Fall (Fla. and Tex.)	15,140	20,500	17,500	bushels	1,392	2,788	1,638
Early (1) (Fla. winter)	20,730	31,000	17,000	"	1,775	2,635	1,190
Beets							
Early (Tex.)	5,800	6,600	4,900	"	840	858	588
Cabbage				1,000			
Fall (N.C., S.C., Va.)	1,430	2,700	2,330	tons	9,600	14,300	15,700
Early (Calif., Fla., Tex.)	39,970	49,850	46,800	"	216,400	255,500	206,200
Second early (Ala., Ga.(So.), Miss., N.C., S.C., Va., and La.)	20,250	22,200	22,700	"	103,600	108,000	---
Carrots				1,000			
Fall (Calif.)	5,890	8,600	9,000	bushels	2,934	4,197	4,500
Early (Ariz. and Tex.)	9,720	8,900	9,900	"	1,706	1,491	1,634
Cauliflower							
Fall and winter (Ariz., Calif., Oreg. and Tex.)	9,180	7,800	7,900	1,000 crates	2,423	2,259	2,283
Celery							
Fall and winter (Calif.)	7,510	9,050	8,850	"	1,387	1,312	2,124
Early (Calif. and Fla.)	6,700	8,150	8,350	"	2,165	2,772	2,744
Cucumbers				1,000			
Fall (Fla.)	1,520	1,800	1,800	bushels	112	180	144
Eggplant							
Fall (Fla. and Tex.)	1,280	1,500	1,450	"	188	316	206
Kale (Va.)	1,700	1,100	1,100	"	598	550	330
Lettuce							
Early (Ariz., Calif., Imperial Valley, Fla.)	44,140	37,000	38,650	1,000 crates	5,136	6,670	5,775
Onions							
Early (La., Tex. and Calif.)	49,660	50,900	35,000	1,000 sacks	2,176	2,180	---
Peas, Early (Calif., Imp. Valley, Fla., and Tex.)	10,460	14,400	17,500	1,000 bushels	739	1,269	1,375
Peppers, green				1,000			
Fall (Fla. and Tex.)	2,470	4,400	4,800	bushels	420	634	642
Early (Fla.) - Winter	2,580	2,500	400	"	698	1,000	40
Shallots							
Fall (La.)	---	3,000	3,000	"	---	348	300
Spring (La.)	---	2,400	2,000	"	---	326	256
Spinach							
Fall (Va.)	2,570	3,000	2,800	"	695	1,020	728
Early (Calif., La., and Tex.)	39,950	40,200	39,400	"	7,329	7,104	6,670
Tomatoes				1,000			
Fall (Fla. and Tex.)	6,480	7,300	11,800	crates	374	556	747
Early (1) (Fla. spring)	17,240	18,000	1/18,000	"	1,608	2,880	---
Total above	326,520	373,050	326,380				

1/ All except about 900 acres was destroyed by the January freeze.

Potatoes: Acreage, yield per acre and production, average 1929-38, annual 1939-40

Group and State	Acreage			Yield per acre			Production		
	10-year av. 1929-38	1939	1940	10-year av. 1929-38	1939	Indicated 1940	10-year av. 1929-38	1939	Indicated 1940
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Bushels	Bushels	Bushels	1,000 bu.	1,000 bu.	1,000 bu.
Fall and winter 1/									
Florida, South	6,700	11,300	11,200	111	140	60	797	1,582	672
Texas	2,700	2,700	2,600	48	40	50	121	108	130
Total	9,400	14,000	13,800	98	121	58	918	1,690	802
Early (1)									
Florida, North	18,800	15,400	14,300	108	107		2,037	1,653	
Hastings	16,100	13,000	12,000	110	105		1,736	1,365	
La Crosse	2,100	1,600	1,500	113	130		231	208	
West	600	800	800	108	100		70	80	
Texas Lower Valley	9,200	5,200	7,900	87	80		785	416	
Total	28,000	20,600	22,200	101	100		2,822	2,069	
Early (2)			Intended						
Alabama	13,200	24,300	26,000	120	140		1,634	3,402	
California	17,900	33,300	35,500	230	333		4,436	11,089	
Georgia	1,600	2,300	3,700	140	160		225	368	
Louisiana	22,900	24,000	24,000	73	60		1,691	1,440	
Mississippi	2,300	3,500	3,200	92	80		208	280	
South Carolina	12,400	13,500	14,000	148	150		1,862	2,025	
Texas, other	12,900	9,200	8,600	66	65		854	600	
Total	83,200	110,100	115,000	131	174		10,910	19,204	
Second Early									
Arkansas	5,000	4,600	4,400	88	85		436	391	
North Carolina	32,700	36,000	32,400	142	125		4,680	4,500	
Oklahoma	8,900	5,600	5,000	96	90		867	504	
Tennessee	2,200	2,300	2,300	83	110		179	253	
Total	48,800	48,500	44,100	126	116		6,162	5,648	
Intermediate (1)									
Kansas	13,500	12,600	11,600	128	120		1,730	1,512	
Kaw Valley	12,700	12,100	11,100	124	120		1,598	1,452	
Scott County	800	500	500	166	120		132	60	
Kentucky	4,800	3,100	3,100	99	153		446	474	
Maryland	7,500	6,100	6,000	149	95		1,099	580	
Missouri	5,800	5,700	5,400	136	200		768	1,140	
Virginia	60,600	45,800	43,200	144	105		8,701	4,830	
Norfolk district	10,500	9,500	9,400	145	125		1,527	1,188	
Eastern Shore	46,900	33,900	31,500	143	100		6,761	3,390	
Other	3,200	2,400	2,300	129	105		413	252	
Total	92,200	73,300	69,300	138	116		12,744	8,536	
Total 5 groups	261,600	266,500	264,400	128	139		33,556	37,147	
Intermediate (2)	40,500	49,600	---	178	147		7,214	7,276	
All States	302,100	316,100	---	135	141		40,770	44,423	

1/ Fall and winter crop States supply earliest new crop movement, starting in fall preceding year shown.

Potatoes and sweetpotatoes: Unweighted prices for stock of generally good quality and condition (U.S. No. 1 when quoted) at shipping points and terminal markets, specified weeks, 1939-40 with comparisons

Market and variety	Week ended 1939 Feb. 25	1940 Jan. 20	1940 Jan. 27	1940 Feb. 3	1940 Feb. 10	1940 Feb. 17	1940 Feb. 24
Potatoes per 100 pounds	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
F.o.b. shipping point:							
Presque Isle, Maine	.95	1.39	1.40	1.44	1.37	1.36	1.32
Rochester, N. Y.	1.06	1.37	1.36	1.37	1.32	1.31	1.29
West Michigan points	.99	1.30	1.30	1.28	1.22	1.18	1.16
Idaho Falls, Idaho	.72	1.16	1.14	1.15	1.13	1.14	1.14
Twin Falls, Idaho	.70	1.03	1.04	1.04	1.02	1.02	1.01
San Luis Valley, Colo.	1.02	.85	.84	.83	.85	.83	.82
Waupaca, Wis.	.88	1.12	1.11	1.08	1.06	1.05	1.05
Western Nebraska points 1/	1.01	.95	1.08	.98	.95	.96	.96
Lake Okeechohee, Fla. 2/(new)	2.46	2.20	2.24	2.82	2.80	2.80	2.86
Warehouse cash to grower:							
Presque Isle, Maine	.77	1.26	1.26	1.24	1.20	1.17	1.16
Rochester, N. Y.	.83	1.06	1.06	1.08	1.02	3/.92	3/.90
Waupaca, Wis.	.68	.87	.89	.85	.81	.80	.80
Idaho Falls, Idaho	.52	.74	.76	.75	.76	.79	.76
Terminal markets:							
New York City							
Russet Burbanks, Idaho	2.12	2.24	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25
Green Mountains, L. Island	1.51	2.00	2.04	2.05	2.02	2.00	2.03
Green Mountains, Maine	1.59	2.03	2.02	2.02	2.02	1.98	1.96
Excluding western stock	1.51	1.99	2.00	2.02	2.01	2.00	2.03
Bliss Triumphs, Fla. 2/(new)	3.32	3.42	3.26	3.72	4.00	4.02	3.96
Bliss Triumphs, Texas 2/(new)	---	3.46	3.44	3.50	3.44	---	---
Chicago							
Red McClures, Colo.	1.90	1.73	1.71	1.78	1.70	1.71	1.66
Russet Burbanks, Idaho	1.60	1.91	1.89	1.96	1.89	1.91	1.92
Western Triumphs	1.48	1.63	1.68	1.61	1.58	1.66	1.60
Midwestern varieties	1.27	1.33	1.32	1.26	1.25	1.26	1.15
Bliss Triumphs, Fla. 2/(new)	3.58	3.66	3.62	3.90	4.22	4.10	4.04
Sweetpotatoes per bushel							
New York City							
Golden, Md. and Del.	2.20	.77	.77	.81	.85	.88	.86
Jerseys, N. J.	2.12	.88	1.02	1.12	1.08	1.08	1.08
Puerto Ricans, N.&S. Carolina	1.31	1.24	1.23	1.29	1.27	1.26	1.23
All varieties	1.66	1.01	1.04	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.18
Chicago							
Jerseys, Ind.	---	1.48	1.62	1.60	1.54	1.52	1.56
Puerto Ricans, La.	1.39	1.60	1.61	1.71	1.68	1.90	1.88
Nancy Halls, Tenn.	.99	1.38	1.40	1.42	1.40	1.40	1.41
All varieties, excl. Jerseys	1.24	1.48	1.56	1.52	1.50	1.46	1.57

1/ 80 percent or more U. S. No. 1.
2/ Bushel price doubled.
3/ Commercial.

Truck crops: Unweighted average wholesale price at New York and Chicago for stock of generally good quality and condition (U. S. No. 1 when quoted) specified weeks 1939-40 with comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Week ended 1939: Feb. 25	1940: Jan. 20	Jan. 27	Feb. 3	Feb. 10	Feb. 17	Feb. 24
New York		Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
Anise, Calif.	L.A. crate	3.03	3.12	3.21	3.04	2.83	2.78	2.65
Artichokes, Calif.	Box	3.75	3.31	3.70	4.25	4.25	3.25	2.81
Asparagus, Calif., medium.	Crate	---	---	---	---	13.50	6.68	5.78
Beans, lima, Cuba	Bushel	2.25	2.00	---	---	4.58	4.56	3.38
" " Fla.	"	2.42	3.50	4.25	5.05	---	5.29	4.00
Beans, snap, green, Fla.	"	2.10	1.98	2.55	4.54	4.38	5.85	6.44
" " wax, Fla.	"	2.22	2.10	2.38	4.44	3.98	4.88	---
Beets, bunched, Tex.	1/2 crate	1.20	1.24	1.54	1.55	1.58	1.90	1.95
" topped, nearby	Bushel	---	.64	.71	.72	.80	.78	.74
Broccoli, western	Pony crate	2.85	2.19	2.38	2.90	3.62	3.65	3.48
" Tex.	" "	2.54	1.85	2.27	2.70	3.62	3.32	3.18
Brussel sprouts	1/2 drum	2.90	2.23	2.48	2.46	2.60	2.85	2.75
Cabbage, old	50-lb. sack	.30	.57	.63	.93	.93	.98	.88
" domestic, Fla.	1-1/2 bu. hamp.	1.03	1.03	1.39	1.64	1.45	1.26	.98
" " Tex.	L.A. crate	1.84	1.88	2.28	2.56	2.46	2.35	1.90
Carrots, topped	Bushel	.80	.98	.98	.99	.95	.94	.90
" bunched, Tex.	1/2 crate	---	1.33	1.42	1.51	1.45	1.28	1.23
" " west.	L.A. crate	2.42	2.97	2.96	2.81	2.67	2.62	2.69
Cauliflower, western	Pony crate	1.90	1.52	1.65	1.58	1.62	1.60	1.40
Celery, Calif., Utah type.	1/2 crate	2.31	2.00	2.06	2.44	2.38	2.08	2.12
" Fla.	Standard crate	1.98	2.69	2.46	3.54	---	2.75	2.84
Collards, Va.	Barrel	1.02	1.23	1.30	1.78	1.22	1.88	1.50
Cucumbers, Cuba	Box	4.81	2.83	3.29	4.50	4.04	4.50	3.31
Dandelions, Calif.	1/2 crate	---	1.50	1.75	1.75	1.58	1.50	1.46
Dill, bunched, Tex.	" "	1.10	1.16	1.40	1.51	1.17	1.12	1.35
Eggplant, medium and large, Cuba	1-1/2 bu. crate	2.50	2.04	3.04	3.88	3.58	4.50	3.96
Endive (chicory) western	L.A. crate	3.18	2.69	3.30	3.17	2.81	3.00	3.70
Escarole, Fla.	1-1/2 bu. hamp.	1.17	.85	1.03	1.37	1.12	1.61	1.62
" Tex.	1/2 crate	---	1.09	.99	1.17	1.11	1.29	1.00
Kale, Va.	Bushel	.30	.61	.73	.88	.78	.81	.88
Leeks, nearby	"	1.52	1.08	1.13	1.12	1.21	1.49	1.48
Lettuce, Fla.	2 dozen crate	1.25	1.02	1.36	1.80	1.71	1.79	2.06
" western	L.A. crate	2.97	2.65	2.79	2.83	2.85	3.25	3.48
Mushrooms, N.Y. and Pa.	3 lb. basket	.57	.45	.45	.50	.50	.52	.46
Okra, Cuba	6 basket crate	2.38	3.00	4.00	4.38	4.67	5.50	7.50
Onions, sweet Spanish	50-lb. sack	1.32	1.13	1.18	1.21	1.20	1.20	1.20
" yellow	" "	1.02	.79	.98	1.10	1.03	.99	1.04
Oyster plant, nearby	Crate	---	1.14	1.29	1.44	1.71	1.95	1.72
Parsley, Tex.	1/2 crate	1.00	1.14	1.50	1.51	1.05	1.09	1.12

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Truck crops: Unweighted average wholesale price at New York and Chicago for stock of generally good quality and condition (U. S. No. 1 when quoted) specified weeks 1939-40 with comparisons - continued

Commodity	Unit	Week ended 1939 Feb. 25	1940 Jan. 20	Jan. 27	Feb. 3	Feb. 10	Feb. 17	Feb. 24
New York - contd.		Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
Parsnips, nearby	1/2 bushel	.68	.45	.45	.45	.49	.66	.82
Peas, Calif.	Bushel	3.06	2.41	3.15	3.24	2.93	3.00	2.92
" Fla.	"	2.19	1.49	2.24	2.66	2.76	2.86	---
Peppers, Fla.	1-1/2 bu.crate	2.65	1.90	2.42	3.44	3.91	6.75	6.90
" Tex.	" " "	---	2.42	2.79	4.38	4.00	---	---
Rhubarb, Calif.	20-lb. box	.96	1.00	1.02	1.16	1.30	1.25	1.25
Rutabagas, Canada	50-lb. sack	.52	.60	.61	.62	.64	.66	.62
Shallots, La.	8-doz. bunch	---	3.17	3.98	4.88	4.08	---	4.00
Squash, nearby	Bushel	---	.80	.67	1.16	1.29	1.30	1.45
Spinach, Tex.	"	.82	1.12	1.44	1.38	1.55	1.56	1.16
Tomatoes, auction, all sizes, Cuba	Lug	2.12	---	---	3.10	3.12	2.86	2.75
Tomatoes, Mexico	"	---	---	4.00	---	4.25	5.56	5.75
Turnips, nearby	Bushel	.47	.42	.33	.40	.42	.44	.41
Chicago								
Anise, Calif.	L.A. crate	---	1.94	1.75	2.25	2.30	2.33	2.75
Asparagus, Calif.medium	Crate	---	---	---	---	---	6.81	7.46
Beans, lima, Fla.	Bushel	2.31	3.38	2.82	---	4.88	4.50	5.25
Beans, snap, green, Fla.	"	2.84	2.08	2.82	3.68	4.75	5.00	---
" " wax, "	"	2.88	2.25	2.72	3.50	4.04	4.00	---
Beets, bunched, Tex.	1/2 crate	1.13	1.19	1.49	1.45	1.43	1.66	1.72
" topped, Ill.	Bushel	.28	.98	1.00	.98	1.00	1.00	1.00
Broccoli, western	Pony crate	2.36	2.01	2.32	2.42	2.72	2.83	2.81
" Tex.	" "	2.15	---	2.12	2.29	2.22	2.61	2.46
Brussel sprouts, Calif.	1/2 drum	2.62	2.07	2.48	2.72	2.94	2.88	2.67
Cabbage, Danish	50-lb. sack	.48	.77	.76	.94	1.29	1.17	1.06
" domestic,Ariz.	L.A. crate	1.87	1.90	2.32	2.46	2.52	2.09	1.58
" " Tex.	" "	1.77	1.78	2.33	2.33	2.50	2.11	1.74
" " Fla.	1-1/2 bu.hamp.	1.18	1.32	1.36	1.49	1.46	1.50	1.40
Carrots, topped, Ill.	Bushel	.49	.63	.70	.68	.58	.57	.55
" bunched, west.	L.A. crate	2.16	2.51	2.50	2.47	2.32	2.31	2.36
" " Ariz.	" "	---	2.46	2.56	2.47	2.37	2.32	2.31
" " Calif.	" "	2.21	2.60	2.50	2.46	2.28	2.28	2.34
Cauliflower, western	Pony crate	1.58	1.39	1.42	1.36	1.32	1.28	1.29
Celery, Calif.	1/2 crate	1.81	2.27	2.16	2.72	2.91	2.46	2.50
" Mich.	Square crate	1.31	.86	1.03	1.04	1.08	1.25	1.60
" Fla.	16-in. crate	2.06	2.74	2.92	3.38	2.92	3.00	2.89
Collards, Ga.	1/2 crate	---	.96	1.24	1.28	1.31	1.56	1.66
Cucumbers, midwestern, fancy, hothouse	Box	.99	1.05	1.25	1.26	1.26	1.32	1.36

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Truck crops: Unweighted average wholesale price at New York and Chicago for stock of generally good quality and condition (U. S. No. 1 when quoted) specified weeks 1939-40 with comparisons - continued

Commodity	Unit	Week ended 1939: Feb. 25	1940: Jan. 20	Jan. 27	Feb. 3	Feb. 10	Feb. 17	Feb. 24
Chicago - contd.		Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
Dandelions, Tex.	1/2 crate	1.09	1.16	1.24	1.22	.98	1.32	1.16
Eggplant, Fla.	1-1/2 bu. crate	2.47	2.79	2.75	3.58	---	---	5.75
Endive, Calif.	L.A. crate	2.74	2.92	2.85	2.78	2.80	3.03	3.22
Escarole, Fla.	1-1/2 bu. hamp.	1.53	.87	1.17	1.70	1.55	1.58	1.56
Garlic, Calif.	50-lb. sack	3.19	3.62	3.62	3.62	3.62	4.00	4.00
Kale, Va.	Bushel	.50	.85	.85	.79	---	1.04	---
Lettuce, western	L.A. crate	2.78	2.42	2.62	2.68	2.78	3.10	3.42
" Calif.	" "	2.79	2.45	2.66	2.70	2.78	3.04	3.41
Mushrooms, Ill.	Pound	.27	.27	.26	.26	.26	.26	.26
Onions, sweet Spanish	50-lb. sack	.93	.80	.79	.85	.87	.83	.80
" yellow	" "	.82	.66	.76	.86	.88	.89	.87
Parsley, Tex.	1/2 crate	.95	.96	1.82	1.40	.92	.85	.96
Parsnips, Ill.	Bushel	.42	.68	.79	.82	.88	1.02	1.10
Peas, Calif.	"	2.91	2.18	2.58	2.98	3.09	2.92	2.77
Peppers, Fla.	1-1/2 bu. hamp.	3.57	2.25	3.72	4.62	5.62	8.08	8.22
" Mexico	" " "	---	---	---	---	6.82	10.00	9.00
Rhubarb, Calif.	20-lb. box	---	.99	1.00	1.50	1.55	1.50	1.55
Rutabagas, Canada, waxed	50-lb. sack	.67	.66	.65	.70	.70	.70	.70
Shallots, La.	20-bunch bbl.	3.75	6.10	9.75	9.75	9.31	13.00	11.00
Spinach, Tex.	Bushel	.83	.96	1.55	1.40	1.62	1.44	1.14
Tomatoes, all sizes, Mexico	Lug	---	3.00	3.00	3.75	4.37	4.83	4.96
Tomatoes, repacks, Mexico, Fla., & Cuba	"	2.12	3.21	3.52	3.86	4.98	5.45	5.59
Turnips, topped, Ill.	Bushel	.75	.70	.76	.78	.73	.78	.76

Truck crops: Unweighted average price of stock of generally good merchantable quality and condition (U. S. No. 1 grade when quoted) at shipping points, specified weeks, 1939-40

Commodity	Shipping point	Unit	Week ended 1939 Feb. 25	1939 Jan. 20	1939 Jan. 27	1940 Feb. 3	1940 Feb. 10	1940 Feb. 17	1940 Feb. 24
			Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
Beans, snap, green	Pompano, Fla.	Bushel	2.20	1.48	2.41	4.05	---	5.00	---
" " wax	" "	"	1.90	1.48	1.96	3.81	---	4.75	---
Beets	Weslaco, Tex.	1/2 crate	.60	.51	1.01	.94	1.00	1.04	1.05
Cabbage, Danish	Rochester, N. Y.	Sacked per ton	7.05	17.00	24.00	35.00	34.00	27.00	23.00
" domestic	Weslaco, Tex.	1/2 crate	.79	.46	.80	.86	.82	.62	.49
" "	Pompano, Fla.	1-1/2 bu.hamper	---	.49	.76	.79	.73	.66	.48
Carrots, bunched	Weslaco, Tex.	1/2 crate	1.01	.68	.79	.76	.65	.62	.49
" "	Brawley, Calif.	L.A. crate	1.12	1.21	1.30	1.17	1.15	1.15	1.14
Cauliflower	Santa-Maria-Guadalupe Dist. Calif.	Pony crate	.56	.54	.65	.47	.47	.56	.54
Celery	Los Angeles, Calif.	1/2 crate	1.49	---	---	2.38	2.54	2.58	2.50
"	Sanford-Oviedo Dist.Fla.	16 inch crate	1.13	1.61	1.56	---	2.11	2.02	2.02
Lettuce	Brawley, Calif.	L.A. crate	1.42	1.20	1.57	1.42	1.61	2.01	2.36
Onions, Sweet Spanish	Arkansas Valley, Colo.	50-pound sack	.70	.46	.48	.52	.51	.50	.50
" " "	Western Slope, Colo.	" " "	.71	.45	.49	.54	.55	.50	.50
" Yellow	Rochester, N. Y.	" " "	.85	.65	.90	1.00	.88	.89	.93
" "	Western Michigan Points	" " "	.78	.60	.80	.88	.82	.86	.85
Peppers	Pompano, Fla.	1-1/2 bu.hamper	2.45	2.10	3.09	3.84	4.51	6.58	6.72
Spinach	Crystal City, Tex.	Bushel	.38	.78	1.05	1.04	.93	.84	.55

Truck crops and potatoes: Carlot (rail and boat) shipments from originating points in the United States for the week ended February 24 with comparisons

Commodity	Week ended					
	1939	1940				
	Feb.	Jan.	Feb.			
	25	27	3	10	17	24
	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars
Asparagus	---	---	---	2	9	23
Beans, snap and lima	104	104	59	17	14	2
Beets, old	---	---	4	2	1	1
" new	14	2	15	8	8	7
Broccoli	58	23	62	82	61	67
Cabbage, old	86	137	141	126	115	91
" new	420	424	491	532	473	457
Carrots, old	17	14	12	---	2	7
" new	216	431	317	323	327	292
Cauliflower	295	173	443	424	240	251
Celery	541	489	571	498	493	424
Eggplant	---	---	1	---	---	---
Escarole	52	48	40	21	53	35
Greens, except spinach	72	33	56	34	36	20
Lettuce	1,143	900	1,063	960	917	960
Mixed vegetables	885	545	844	800	784	852
Onions	534	584	619	420	337	401
Peas	112	82	64	80	108	121
Peppers, old	---	3	---	---	---	---
" new	62	35	17	9	5	7
Spinach	324	88	130	212	267	351
Sweetpotatoes	152	91	191	125	138	111
Tomatoes, old	---	14	1	---	---	---
" new	270	42	26	11	9	6
Turnips and rutabagas, old	7	12	16	19	10	7
" " " new	---	---	1	1	---	---
Total truck crops 1/	5,364	4,274	5,184	4,706	4,407	4,493
Potatoes, total	4,487	3,819	4,659	4,318	4,393	4,316
Early (1940 crop)	174	37	73	84	71	62
Intermediate	2	2	2	---	---	---
Late	4,311	3,780	4,584	4,234	4,322	4,254
Grand total all vegetables 1/	9,851	8,093	9,843	9,024	8,800	8,809
Relief - cabbage	9	---	---	---	---	---
onions	---	67	52	11	5	11
Imports-						
Beans, snap and lima	3	2	1	---	7	6
Cucumbers	7	10	14	11	18	21
Eggplant	17	6	8	7	6	8
Mixed vegetables	2	1	1	3	3	5
Peas	10	11	24	25	20	17
Peppers	3	20	12	6	8	24
Potatoes	3	3	3	7	16	10
Tomatoes	118	132	138	208	229	202
Turnips and rutabagas	49	70	121	109	102	82
Total imports	212	255	322	376	409	375

1/ Does not include imports.

Vegetables, frozen: Cold storage holdings February 1, 1940 with comparisons

Commodity	Feb. 1, 1939	Jan. 1, 1940	Feb. 1, 1940
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
Asparagus	3,479	7,044	7,232
Beans, lima	12,503	14,666	13,562
Beans, snap	5,159	6,567	6,298
Broccoli, green	1,153	1,767	1,716
Corn, sweet	6,206	6,676	6,662
Peas, green	21,241	21,945	19,824
Spinach	3,107	6,238	5,440
Other vegetables	3,420	2,866	3,627
Classification not reported	5,580	4,658	3,191
Total	61,848	72,427	67,552